



OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE TRIALS AND HEARINGS
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DECISION

Michael Nacmias, Esq. - Nacmias Law Firm 592 Pacific Street 1st Floor Brooklyn, NY 11217	Summons No: 000938471L et al. (1 Summons) DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, -against- PENSKE TRUCK LEASING CO LP Hearing Date: 01/14/2026 Hearing Location: Remote Type of Hearing: By Telephone
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Total Penalty Amount: \$350.00
Community Service(Hr): Not Applicable

SUMMONS #	SUMMARY DISPOSITION	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	PLACE OF OCCURRENCE
000938471L	Sustained	03/07/2025	ON GRAND ST BETWEEN LUDLOW ST AND ESSEX ST Manhattan

LINE ITEM	OATH CODE	CODE SECTION/RULE	RESULT	PENALTY
1	BA11	24-163 (F)	Sustained	\$350.00

Findings of Fact & Conclusions of Law

The hearing was conducted via telephone conference call on January 14, 2006.

Ilma Babu, authorized representative, appeared on behalf of Respondent at the hearing. Antwan Gibbs appeared on behalf of petitioner DEP.

The Respondent is charged with code section 24-163(f) for vehicle idling for more than 1 minute while adjacent to school. Petitioner's representative submitted an evidence packet including redacted idling complaint, a summons affidavit, photos of the vehicle, and a video recording. See Petitioner's Exhibits. Petitioner's representative stated that the engine was

audible throughout the video, exhaust was visible, and at no time during the video was any unloading or processing equipment being used, such that would warrant a statutory exception. Respondent's representative argued there is insufficient evidence to support the charge. Respondent's representative argued there appears to be a lift gate on back of subject vehicle so processing device exception applies. In rebuttal, Petitioner's representative argues there is no proof of active use of a processing device as it appears the lift gate is out but nothing is moving so it is inactive. The fact that items are on the gate does not in itself show an active processing device in use. See Petitioner's Evidence.

I credit the summons details and find that the Petitioner has established a valid charge against the Respondent. Per § 6-12(b) of Title 48 of the Rules of the City of New York (RCNY), a summons affirmed under penalty of perjury will be admitted as prima facie evidence of the facts stated. Code § 24-163 provides an exemption when idling occurs because the vehicle's engine was being "used to operate a loading, unloading or processing device." Once Petitioner established its case it became Respondent's burden to disprove the violation or establish an affirmative defense. See 48 RCNY § 6-12(a). Respondent has not offered any credible evidence such as testimony or affidavit from the vehicle's driver to refute that the vehicle was idling for more than 3 minutes. Even where a video is presented, the charge does not fail if the video does not clearly show vibrating, producing visible emissions or making audible engine noise. See DEP v Hub Truck Rental Corp, Appeal No 2001344 (February 11, 2021); DEP v SMC Stone International Inc Appeal No 1901308 (October 10, 2019) I find Respondent has not presented credible evidence of the presence of an active loading, unloading or processing device to warrant a statutory exception to the rule. I find Respondent's arguments insufficient to refute the charge nor establish an affirmative defense. Therefore, I find Respondent in violation and impose the first offense penalty of \$350. The Summons is upheld.



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Randee Rubenstein, Judicial Hearing Officer

Date